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Attorney General John Ashcroft, US DOJ
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

My name is Jerry Lowry, of Harris, Iowa. I want to let you know that I am pleased with the Justice Department's settlement of the Microsoft litigation, and I hope that you implement it in the very near future.

It has been difficult for the average person to fully understand all the accusations and counter-accusations hurled by the parties in this litigation. As I understand it, the most frequent and compelling complaint dealt with the inability of computer owners to utilize non-Microsoft software with Windows operating systems on their computers. Microsoft has agreed to allow such competition. Microsoft has also offered to have its compliance with the terms of the settlement agreement by a Technical Committee to avoid further problems and further litigation. I believe the company has gone the extra mile to resolve this case, and I do not see the need for it to drag on and on.

I sincerely hope that you see the wisdom of this agreement (after all, the DOJ wrote it), and allowing its implementation. It's time for the government to get out, and let the market decide who succeeds in the industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to address this matter.

JERRY A. LOWRY

Sincerely,

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